

Snuff Bottles from The Burnell Franke Collection



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Jadeite – Nugget



Natural shape Jadeite, hollowed out quite thin
Coral cap with ivory or bone spoon
Appliqué of turquoise, coral, lapis

(Not affixed permanently to its wooden base)



Purchased from Mrs. Walter Renk, who was a notable early snuffbottle collector from Sun Prairie, WI. She traveled the world over with her husband, and purchased many snuffbottles along the way. Many of the bottles from the Renk collection are housed and sometimes displayed at Madison's Chazen Museum of Art. She passed away in the late '70's or early 1980's, and her son inherited her large collection at that time.

Burnie says that this one is quite definitely the star of his collection.

Clear Quartz - Pelican



Clear quartz pelican with clear quartz cap



“Made in Hong Kong”
probably purchased at Tuscon, AZ



Bone - Scrimshaw





Scrimshaw bone with bone cap

Purchased at Native American artifact show,
in Collinsville IL, approximately 2004

Tube Agate - Rabbit



Rough Tube Agate is probably from Wiggin's Fork
Wyoming, or perhaps from Montana, USA
Clear agate lid, metal "hand" spoon

Tagua Nut - Beetle



Tagua Nut with Tagua cap, possible bone spoon
Scarab beetle & Chinese writing

Agate - Flowers



Agate with carved flowers all around
Agate frog cap, ivory or bone spoon
On wooden base, not permanently affixed
Purchased in Quartzsite, AZ, approximately 1998





Lapis Lazuli - Squirrel





Lapis Lazuli with double squirrel carving on front

Lapis cap, ivory or bone spoon

“Made in Hong Kong”

Purchased in Quartzsite, AZ, approximate year 2000,
(same time as turquoise one)

Turquoise - Tree





Turquoise with a carved lotus(?) tree on each side
Turquoise cap, ivory or bone spoon
Purchased in Quartzsite, AZ
approximate year 2000

Tiger Eye - Crosshatch



Tiger Eye with cross-hatch pattern, good chatoyancy

Tiger Eye cap, metal spoon shaped like a hand

Probably a gift from Nevin

Thick walls, this is a very heavy bottle



Tiger Eye - Bamboo



Tiger Eye with carved bamboo pattern
Red Tiger Eye cap, bone or ivory spoon

Reconstituted Amber - Bats



Reconstituted Amber with carved bats

Hand-carved in China

Solid amber cap with carved flower motif

Said to be quite old

Purchased from San Francisco antique dealer

Gift from Hiroko Yamada

Tiger Iron



Australian Tiger Iron
Probable Jasper cap,
with black stone saucer under cap.
Wooden spoon
Gift from Nevin

Blue Chalcedony - Fish



Blue chalcedony (possibly from Montana USA)
Blue chalcedony cap with unknown spoon, possibly
wood

Three brown carved fish on front
Burnie had this made in Taiwan

Glass- Turtle



Glass turtle (Peking Glass?)
Modern carving with goldfish
Glass lid, no spoon

Rhodonite



Rhodonite Grecian Urn shape

Rhodonite cap, no spoon

Fine flower carvings, front and back, handles on
sides

Palm Wood



Palm Wood with palm wood cap, wooden spoon
Stork carving on front
Probably purchased from Mr Aikin, from New
Orleans

Agatized Wood



Agatized Wood from Arizona, USA
Agatized wood cap, bone or ivory spoon
Birds and flower carvings all around
Very fine quality material
Burnie had this carved in Taiwan

Burmese Jadeite – Horse





Burmese Jadeite horse carving

Jadeite cap with metal spoon shaped like a hand

Probably carved in Hong Kong for Burnie in early
1980's

(tag on bottom says "Carved in H.K.")

Tagua Nut



Tagua Nut bottle with wooden cap
Dark brown is the natural skin of the Tagua
Probably purchased at Madison, WI Art Fair on the
Square in 1970's or 80's

Tagua Nut – Monkey





Tagua Nut bottle with wooden cap, bone or ivory spoon

Monkey carving on front

Flowers scrimshawed on reverse

Coloring would tend to indicate age

Probably purchased in Mid-1980's

Rainbow Obsidian



Rainbow Obsidian bottle

Rainbow obsidian cap, metal spoon shaped like hand
Gift from Nevin, approximately 2002

Appendix

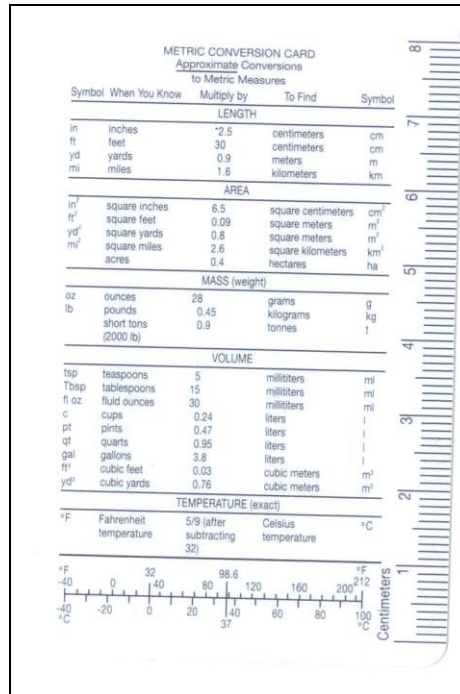


Figure 1 – reference card with centimeter measurements, as shown in photos